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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jeffrey Fredman

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Double Patenting

1. Claims 2-8 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,753,423.

Claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,753,423 teach a method of preferentially targeting a biologically active antisense oligonucleotide to hepatic tissues in a mammal to modulate the expression of a gene in the liver of a mammal, comprising the step of conjugating the oligonucleotide to a cholesteryl moiety and administering the cholesterol-oligonucleotide conjugate to said mammal to achieve said preferential targeting.

2. A method of modulating the expression of a nucleic acid in the hepatic system of a mammal, comprising the step of administering to said mammal a compound to modulate the expression of said nucleic acid, said compound comprising a plurality of linked nucleosides, wherein: each nucleoside includes a ribofuranosyl sugar portion and a base portion; and at least one of said nucleosides bears at a 2'-O-position, a 3'-O-position, or a 5'-O-position a substituent having formula: --R.sub.A --

N(R.sub.1a)(R.sub.1b) where: R.sub.A is alkyl having from 1 to about 10 carbon atoms or (CH.sub.2 --CH.sub.2 --Q).sub.x ; R.sub.1a and .sub.1b, independently, are H, R.sub.2, an amine protecting group or have formula C(X)--R.sub.2, C(X)--R.sub.A -- R.sub.2, C(X)--Q--R.sub.A --R.sub.2, C(X)--Q--R.sub.2 ; and R.sub.2 is cholesterol; X is O or S; each Q is, independently, NH, O, or S; x is 1 to about 200; R.sub.3 is H, R.sub.A, C(O)OH, C(O)OR.sub.A, C(O)R.sub.4, R.sub.A --N.sub.3, or R.sub.A --

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NH.sub.2 ; R.sub.4 is Cl, Br, I, SO.sub.2 R.sub.5 or has structure; ##STR3## m is 2 to 7; and R.sub.5 alkyl having 1 to about 10 carbon atoms; wherein at least one of R.sub.1a and R.sub.1b are R.sub.2.

3. A method of preferentially targeting an oligonucleotide to hepatic tissues in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal an oligonucleotide having a cholesteryl moiety conjugated thereto, to preferentially target said oligonucleotide to hepatic tissues in said mammal.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein said cholesteryl moiety is conjugated to said oligonucleotide through an alkylamine tether.

5. The method of claim 3 wherein said cholesteryl moiety is conjugated to said oligonucleotide at the terminal 5'-hydroxyl group of said oligonucleotide.

6. The method of claim 3 wherein said cholesteryl moiety is conjugated to said oligonucleotide at the terminal 3'-hydroxyl group of said oligonucleotide.

7. The method of claim 3 wherein said cholesteryl moiety is conjugated to said oligonucleotide at a 2'-hydroxyl group of said oligonucleotide.

Claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,753,423 do not expressly teach using the method in mammals "in need of hepatic gene modulation" but the entire thrust of the claims is designed to target the hepatic system of mammals with antisense compound which are compounds designed to modulate genes in the tissue to which they are directed.

It would have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to perform the method of claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No.

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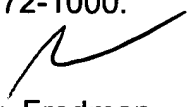
6,753,423 on mammals "in need of hepatic gene modulation" since the claims are entirely directed towards the use of antisense as a therapeutic for modulation of genes.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey Fredman whose telephone number is (571)272-0742. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached on (571)272-0782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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